

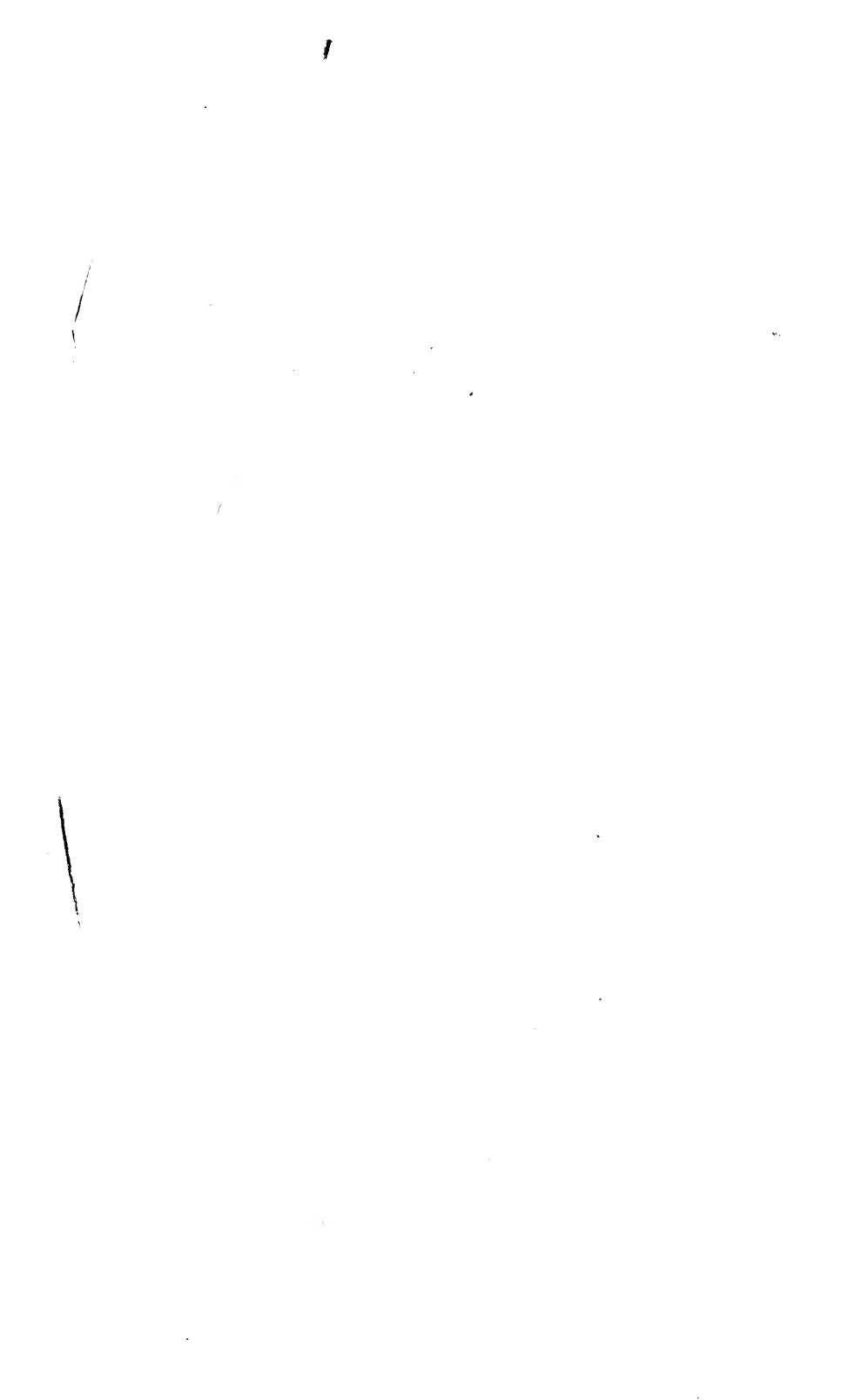
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## INTRODUCTION.

From the manuscript record as it appears in the following pages we may infer that Deacon Samuel Bancroft was a prominent and influential citizen, a man of piety, respected and honored by members of the church and inhabitants of the town.

From such a man and his estimable wife, both of honorable ancestry, we may rightly expect that among their descendants will be found those who have attained prominence and distinction in the various walks of life.

It is interesting, therefore, to note a few examples whose names have added lustre to the pages of history; who, in part from a common ancestry, have administered justice, striven to right the wrongs of the oppressed, advanced the cause of righteousness in a higher conception of the Deity, and presented with an ability rarely equalled the growth and development of a nation.

The first child of Dea. Samuel and Lydia (Parker) Bancroft was Samuel, born July 12, 1736. He married Sarah Holt, March 30, 1758 and settled in Annapolis, Nova Scotia, where he rose to prominence and became a judge.

Mary, the fourth child of Dea. Samuel and Lydia Bancroft, was born August 2, 1732. She married Francis Lovejoy, of Amherst, N. H., January 24, 1765. In 1790, they removed to Albion, Me., where by a beautiful lake they made their home. Eight children were born to them. Daniel their first child born March 31, 1776 appears to have inherited the

deep religious faith of his mother, whose prayers and counsel influenced him to devote his life to the ministry. He prepared for that service at the Academy at Byfield, where he was an inmate of the home of Rev. Elijah Parrish.

He married Elizabeth Stenson of Georgetown, Me. Their first child, Elijah Parrish, born December 9, 1802, early developed an ardent love for knowledge and entered Waterville College in September 1823.

In 1827 he went to St. Louis, where he was engaged in teaching and editing a newspaper.

He returned east and entered the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J., where he prepared for the ministry.

In the fall of 1833 he became editor of the "St. Louis Observer." He married, March 4, 1835, Celia Ann French. Preaching and editing the "Observer" he condemned slavery and was obliged to leave that city for Alton, Illinois, where after his press had been destroyed by mob violence and his life threatened, he secured another press which in defending he was killed, November 7, 1837, a martyr to the cause of freedom.

His brother Owen, who was with him, resolved to devote his life to the abolition of slavery, and as pastor of the Congregational Church of Princeton, Illinois, used every effort to do so. Owen Lovejoy was elected to Congress in 1856 and continued in office until his death March 25, 1864 at Brooklyn, New York.

Dea. Samuel and Lydia (Parker) Bancroft had been married twenty years when their fourth son and tenth child, Aaron, was born, March 10, 1755.

The son of a farmer, he helped his father on the farm, in the meantime preparing for college. He entered Harvard College in 1774, and although his

studies were interrupted by the exciting times incident to the Revolutionary War he was graduated in 1778. He studied theology in preparation for the ministry, and received a call, (doubtless through the influence of his brother Samuel,) to preach at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, in 1780. On his return three years later, he preached in Connecticut and his native state before settling in Worcester, Mass.

He was one of the pioneers in liberal christianity, now known as Unitarianism. In 1807 he published the "Life of George Washington," he was also the author of a number of printed sermons and various discourses.

Rev. Aaron Bancroft observed the fiftieth anniversary of his settlement over the church in Worcester by the delivery of an appropriate discourse, January 31, 1836. He died, August 19, 1840, in his eighty-fifth year.

George, son of Aaron and Lucetta (Chandler) Bancroft, was born at Worcester, Mass. October 3, 1800. At an early age he was placed at the Academy of Dr. Abbot at Exeter, New Hampshire, where he made such progress he was able to enter Harvard College at the age of 13 years. He graduated second in his class in 1817.

The following year he visited Germany and studied under the most eminent professors. On his return to the United States in 1822 he was for some years engaged in teaching and writing.

He entered the political arena and held some minor offices before he was chosen Secretary of the Navy by President Polk, in 1845. While holding that office he founded the United States Naval Academy. From 1846 to 1849 Mr. Bancroft was Minister to England. In 1867 he was appointed Minister to the Court of Berlin, and from 1871 to 1874 he was

Minister Plenipotentiary to the German Empire.

While George Bancroft received many honors at home and abroad, it is not as a statesman or diplomatist that he is most widely known; his "History of the United States," is the result of a half-century of laborious research, and his fame as a historian will outlive all other achievements.

Seldom has a man received greater homage than was paid to this illustrious American at his funeral in Washington, D. C., January 20, 1891, which was attended by the President, Vice President, Members of the Cabinet, Foreign Ministers, representatives of the Senate and House, military and naval officials, civilians and others. Among the many floral offerings, a large wreath of white roses and heliotrope, rested on the coffin, the gift of an Emperor.

The descendants of the Reading farmer who have been thus honored are by no means all who are worthy of our homage, others having the same ancestor have in some degree contributed to the industrial, intellectual and moral welfare of the nation; and, although their names may not be found upon the pages of history, they also, are entitled to our respect and honor.

The manuscript record of the family of Deacon Samuel Bancroft, his journal and diary, preserved by one of his honored descendants, through whose courtesy it came into my possession, is herewith printed for the use and benefit of all who have an interest in the past.

FRANK D. ANDREWS.

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ANCESTRY  
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Among the passengers from England who arrived at Salem in the month of June 1630, was John and Jane Bancroft. They had two children, Thomas, born in England in 1622, and John. The father died in 1637, his widow was granted 100 acres in the town of Lynn in 1638. Lieut. Thomas, the son, purchase land in Lynn, now called Lynfield, and built a house, he also bought land in the new settlement of Reading, and it is stated resided there at the time of his second marriage in 1648. He was first married to Elizabeth, daughter of Michael Bacon of Dedham, she having died, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Michael and Sarah Metcalf. Lieut. Thomas Bancroft died in 1691, aged 69 years.

Their children:

Thomas, born 1649.

Elizabeth, born 1653, married Joseph Browne. —

John, born 1656.

Sarah, born 1660, died 1661.

Raham, born 1662, died 1683.

Sarah, born 1665, married John Woodward.

Ebenezar, born 1667.

Mary, born 1670.

Thomas, the first child of Lieut. Thomas and Elizabeth [Metcalf] Bancroft was born in 1649, married 1673, Sarah, daughter of Jonathan and Judith Poole.

He was a deacon in the church, a selectman, and an officer in King Philip's Indian War.

Their children:

Thomas, born 1673.

Jonathan, born 1675, died the same year.

Sarah, born 1676, married Abram Bryant.

Mehitable, born 1678, married ——— Parker.

Jonathan, born 1681, married Sarah ———, died

1702

Rahum, born 1684.

Judith, born 1688, married ——— Parker.

Samuel, born 1691, died 1692.

Samuel, born 1693,

Elizabeth, born 1696, married 1713, John Lampson.

Capt. Samuel, the 9th child of Dea. Thomas and Sarah (Poole) Bancroft, married 1713, Sarah, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Nichols) Lampson. She died 1733, aged 43, he then married Sarah Leathe, 1733, and for his third wife married Mehitable Fitch.

Capt. Samuel Bancroft was an officer in the Indian War, a selectman, and a representative. He died in 1772 at the age of 79.

Their children:

Samuel, born 1715.

William, born 1717

Edmund, born 1718, died 1740.

Nathaniel, born 1720.

Sarah, born 1722.

Jacob, born 1723.

Jeremiah, born 1725.

Caleb, born 1731.

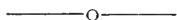
Samuel Bancroft Jr., the son of Capt. Samuel and Sarah (Lampson) Bancroft, who was born in 1715, left a family record in manuscript from which the following is printed:

FAMILY RECORD

OF

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Samuel Bancroft Son of mr Samuel Bancroft and Sarah his wife was born July 21: 1715

Lydia Parker Daughter of mr Nathaniel Parker and Elizabeth his wife was born February 28: 1716  
And we the said Samuel & Lydia wart married Together October 30: 1735

Samuel our Son was born July 12: 1736

Lydia our Daughter was born September 8: 1738

Sarah our daughter was born Sept 5 1740

Brother Edmund Bancroft at our house 3 days after Sarah was born Sept 8 1740

Mary our Daughter was born August 2: 1742

Mehetebell our Daughter was born July 11: 1744

Elizabeth our Daughter was born July 25 : 1746

Anne our Daughter was born april 3 1749

Edmund our Son was born July 27: 1751

Caleb our Son was born June 27: 1753

Aaron our Son was born November 10: 1755 we have been married — in old Stile Just 20: years & had ye tenth Child

Lucy our Daughter was born February 23: 1758

my own mother Bancroft Died Jan ry 3: 1732

Brother Edmund Died Sept br 8 1740

Brother Nathaniel Bancroft Died October 25 1749

Brother Jacob was Drowned September 1 1754

Mother Parker Died October 22 1754

Brother Jeremiah Died of ye Small pox october

4 1757.

Father Bancroft had ye Small Pox November 1757

Brother Nathaniel Parker Died october 1: 1756  
and his Wife Died the 12: day of august 1757

Mother Bancroft Died November 15: 1760

Father Parker Died August 20 1761 Father Bancroft was married to the widow Fitch the Same day august 20

Samuel my Son was married march 30: 1758 to Sarah Holt

Lydia my Daughter was married to Zebediah Johnson ye September 1: 1761

Hannah Bancroft Daughter to our Son Samuel & Sarah his wife was born February 20: 1759 Samuel their Son was born april 15: 1761 and they removed to onslow the Second day of September 1761

Samuel Son to Zebediah Johnson & Lydia his wife was born July 1: 1762: Jeremiah Son to our Son Samuel & Sarah his wife was born May 12: 1763

Sarah my Daughter was married to Daniel How Jun r of Andover April 19: 1764

Lydia Daughter to Zebediah Johnson & Lydia his wife was born August 4: 1764

Mary our Daughter was married to Francies Lovejoy of Amhurst January 24: 1765  
may 10: 1765 this day my Daughter Sarah How had a Daughter born but not well and the Child died May 28 1765 & was buried wednesday being Election: this was ye first ye Death hath taken of my Descendants

November 30: in 1765 this day Francas Son to Francis Lovejoy & my Daughter Mary his wife was born & Baptis t next day

Obidiah Son to our Son Samuel & Sarah his wife was born April 29: 1765

Sarah Daughter to Daniel How & Sarah his wife our Daughter was born Friday march 28: 1766

December 24 day: 1767 this day Mehetebell our



Daughter was married to John Nichols son of John Nichols

January 12: 1768 this day my Daughter Mary Lovejoy had a Daughter born Named Mary

April 10: 1768 this day my Daughter Sarah How had a Daughter born Named Priscilla

April 8: 1768 this day Obadiah the Son of my Son Samuel at Anapoles Died aged four years

Zebidiah Johason Son of Zebidiah Johnson and Lydia his wife my Daughter was born march 25: 1769

April 25: 1769 this day Anne our Daughter was married to Jonathan Pool Son to Lient Jona Pool

February 6: 1769 this day my Son Samuel and Sarah his wife had a Son born Named obadiah

November 9: 1769 this day my Daughter Elizabeth was Married to Nathaniel Cheaver of Amhurst they ware the first Coppell Married by mr Prentice of Reading

March 3: 1770 this day Jonathan Pools Son of Jonathan Pool and Anne his wife was born

John Son of John Nichols and mebitebell his wife my Daughter was born march 10: 1770

July 1: 1770 this day Jonathan Son to Jonathan Pool and Anne his wife Died in the Bed at his mothers Side

Achsa Daughter to Daniel How and Sarah his wife was born December 29: 1769

Hanah Daughter to Frances Lovejoy and Mary his wife was born May 7: 1770

July 31: 1770 this day my Son Edmund was married to Sarah Pool Daughter to Liet Jonathan Pool

November 13: 1770 then my Son Edmund & Sarah his wife had a Daughter born named Sarah

December 7: 1770 this day my Son Edmunds child named Sarah Died

October 15: 1770 this day my Son Samuel & Sarah his wife had a Daughter born named Sarah

Hannah the Daughter of Zebidiah Johnson and Lydia his wife was born January 16: 1771

Elizabeth the Daughter of Nathaniel Cheaver and Elizabeth his wife was born August 20: 1771

Daniel Son to Daniel How and Sarah his wife my Daughter was born December 13 1771

John Nichols and mehetebell his wife my Daughter had a Daughter born February 20: 1772 named Mehetebell

Francis Lovejoy and Mary his wife had a son born March 24: 1772 named Aaron

Edmund Bancroft my Son and Sarah his wife had a Daughter born may 20: 1772 named Sarah

monday July 13: 1772 this day my Father Bancroft Died about Six oth Clock in the afternoon aged 79 if he had lived to December 27

Sabbath day November 29: 1772 this day about Eight O Clock Nansey Daughter to my Son Pool & Anne his wife was born & Baptized Thanksgiveing Decembr. 3

May 7: 1773 this day George Son to my Son Johnson and Lydia his Wife was born:

Tuesday November 23: 1773 This day my Son Edmund & Sarah his wife had Twins born two Sons Named Edmund & Samuel Baptized Thanksgiveing Day ye 25

April 8: 1773 This day Nathaniel Son to Nathaniel Cheaver and Elizabeth his wife my Daughter was born

Edmund Son to my Son Edmund Died December 3: 1773 and Samuel his Son Died December 4: 1773

Nathaniel Cheaver Son to Nathaniel Cheaver & Elizabeth his wife Died June 17: 1774 about six o'Clock at my house

Samuel Son to Francis Lovejoy and mary his wife was born May 31: 1774

Sarah Daughter to Nathaniel Chver & Elizabeth his wife was born November 1774

Joel Son to Zebediah Johnson and Lydia his Wife was born March 13: 1775

— — Daughter to my Son Edmund and Sarah his wife was born June 27: 1775

Samuel? Son to Francis Lovejoy & Mary his wife born april 1776

William (A piece torn off) December  
born ma

Jonathan was born Sept 1775

Samuel Johnson Son to our Son Johnson & Lydia his wife Died march 27: 1776

Caleb my son was married to Susansa Tay Daughter to mr John Tay may 28: 1776

Caleb there Son was born October 30: 1776

Jonathan Pool Son of my Son Jonathan Pool & Anna his wife Died November 29: 1776 about Sun Rise

Samuel Johnson Son to my Son Johnson & Lydia his wife was born March 14: 1777

Son Chever Died January 17: 1778

Susanna Daughter to my Son Caleb Bancroft was born January 18: 1778

Charls Son to my Son Caleb and Susanna his wife was born march 26: 1780

Edmund Son to my Son Edmund and Sarah his wife was born March 20: 1777

Samuel Son of my Son Edmund & Sarah his wife was born march 7: 1779

— — — — — Lucy  
the —ryport was married  
(1780) —ph Gray December 18 they went away

January 1: 1764 this day began to Read the Bible  
threw in my privit Reading

october 16: 1764 began again to Read the Bible  
threw

July 10 1765 then began to Read the Bible threw  
again

April 15: 1766 then began to Read ye bible again

Wednesday July 8 this day my Negro girl Philiss  
had a Daughter Born Named Dinah

Wednesday march 11: this day my Negro Girl  
Philiss had a Son Born Named Prince

Satterday may 20: 1769 this day my Negro Girl  
Philiss had a Son born Named Chester

Thirsday January 17 1771 this day Chester my  
Negro Child Died

(In another handwriting.)

May 31st 1790 Philis Died

## FOREWORD

During the summer of 1757, Fort William Henry, near Lake George, was besieged by the French and Indians under Gen. Montcalm. The country was alarmed and Massachusetts sent thousands of its militia to their assistance, some went as far as Albany before the news of the surrender of the Fort and subsequent massacre by the Indians reached them.

Gen. Pepperell wrote from Springfield, August 13, that the people were so ready "to go to the assistance of the distressed, that this part of the province seems almost evacuated, the whole militia within 40 miles being drawn off."

Dea. Bancroft's journal follows:

Monday August 15: 1757 this evening about nine o'clock I Recived 2 Warrents from Coll Tyng to Capt Swain & Capt Goodwins Requiring ym to Send one quarter of their Company under their Command to Springfield under ye Cair & Command of their Lieut or Ensyn to General Peppril; I went with these Warrants to ye Capt, & Delivred ym we called ye Commands Together at Eight a clock Tuesday morning when twelve men agreed to go with me Namely Isaac Smith Ephriam Parker Phinihas Parker Phinihas Lovejoy Benjamin Nichols Joseph Bancroft Jonathan Wilson Jacob Townsend John Atwell Nathaniel Cowdry Isaac Noyce Joseph Felch these men I Dismissed till Wednesday morning at Seven a clock to meet me at wobourn

Wednesday 17 dty of august about Seven in ye morning haveing Committed my Self & family unto God my heavenly Father being Satisfied it was my duty now to proceed Toward albany it being Ex

pected ye French armye yt haveing taken ye fort at Lake George proceed faster one quatr of ye milica ware ordered to march to their assistane to be under ye cair of General Peppril I tuck leave of my Family & frinds present I went to Wobourn meet with Leut Green we Tuck under our cair ye 24 men belonging to our two Companeyes about half after nine we set out from wobourn: we dined at Mr Fisks of Lexinton we arived this day to one Hows in Malborough whare I lodged & Leut Green with me: by ye desire of mr How I prayed with his Family in ye evening

Thirsday 18: this day set out again from sd hows about Eight at which time our men all came up with us we had gon but about one mile before we met a post from general Webb with orders to ye Commanders of every Detachment to proceed to Albeney with all speed for yt he expected ye other Fort to be atacked every moment here we heard Somthing of ye Inhumanity of ye Indians to our men after ye fort was taken we proceeded to Worcestor whare we dined: here I saw sundry men yt I knew who told me yt brothr Jeremiah was living & was not in ye fray but yt brothr Stimpson was Dead

from Worcestor I sent back a letter to my wife giving an acompt of wt I had heard yn we went forward a far as to one Sargents of Lister whare we Lodged our men Lodged in a Shop Together I prayed with ym in ye Evening & Leut Green in ye morning here I heard my brother Jeremiah was not well but was Caried down to Albeney

Friday august 19: this morning about Seven a clock we set out again upon our march & we ware Constanly meeting our poor friends yt had been in ye engagemedt almost nakid many have any bat many nothing but Shirt & Briches & some without

Briches: Some Showing ye wounds they Recived in their Escape others Declairing ye Bucheries they Saw while making thair Escape ye whole very Des-tressing

we arived at Brookfieald about Twelve a clock whar we dined at Capt woolcuts Soon after which mr John Tyng Came to us Commistioned from or by his Father to put our Regiment into Compny's under proper offisers himself to take ye Command of ye whole but he haveing heard yt General Winslow was at Worchster with orders from ye Govenor he ordered us to tarey whare we ware till he had orders from him & he he Returned again to Worchster here I saw divrss offercors yt knew my brother all sd he was geting better one Told me he dined with him ye last Tuesday & yt he was Walking about this Evning I prayed again with our Company from Reading & many of Wilmington Joyned with us here Leut Green & I Lodged

Satterday august 20: this morning Ensign Temple prayed with our men & his Togethr & between nine & ten a clock mr Tyng Came to us again & gave us orders to Return: after what we set out upon our Return we dined at one Flaggs Inholder in Spenser I did arived mr david Bancroft of Worchster in Company with mr Lovejoy about Sun Set whare I Lodged through

Sabbath day august 21: this day prayed with mr Bancrofts Family by his desire went to Gods house head mr Mecarty from 21: 13: I dined at mr Browns at night Lodged at mr Joshua Bancrofts his wife was in a low State

Monday august 22: this morning set out between Seven & Eight a clock in Company with mr Lovejoy for home Saw Capt Goodwin all well; at Shrus-bruby met with Leut Green we dined at Hows of

Morlborgh whare we Lodged going up we arived at Concord but ware Excading wet So yt I dare not proceed any furthr it was so Rainey we Lodged at Roses Tavern in Company with Leut Eaton & divirse others here thair was no prayers nor at any othr Tavern where we Lodged any Family Worship according to my observation & I think I am not mistakon this is a Lemontahn & and must be for a Lemontahn

Tuesday 23: this morning Set out again for home whare I arived about twelve found my Family all well

I have had a Comfortible Journey Recived no affront from any man & I know not yt I have given any affront to any; Our men ware very obident Shewed me all Desired Respect



## DIARY

SEPTEMBER 8, 1766, OCTOBER 1, 1766.

Monday September 8: 1766 this day at brother Parkers in an affair between mr John Boutell & Nathaniel Brooks

Tuesday 9 this day at Woburn Capt Flags Esqr Johnsons & Saml Damons

Wednesday 10: this day Rainey at home only mr Temple to see Corll Nichols & Deacon Brown who came to Discourse with mr Temple & me upon ye affair of Settelling a minister

Thursday 11 this day at mr Richardsons Saw mill to Load Boards: Just at Night was at mr Swains & Jon a Fosters

Friday 12: this day at Boston to Send things to my son Samuel

Saturday 13: this day at home only at brother William Sautrable?

Sabbathday 14 this day at Gods house hear mr Lothrop pr from Luke 15: 17 afternoon acts 17: 30: 31: at noon Read

Monday 15: this day Set out with brother William & family on thair Jorney to Coorse Caried Sister thirty mile on thair Jorney She had not been two mile from home before for near five years I Lodged with (blank) they at Capt Habbs?

Tuesday 16 this day Set out for home Lodged at at my Son Johnsons

Wednesday 17 this day Came home about noon and mr Sherman Came to See me in ye afternoon in ye evening mr Temple

Thursday 18 this day Rainy at mr Sparhakes afternoon at chh meeting when thair was a vote for mr Lothrop upon Condition of Examinosn

Friday 19 this day Employed in plowing for Rie Some Rain was at mr Townsends in ye afternoon was at mr Stones to get his assistane in examinicy mr Lothrop in to his prinspals: was also with mr wise at brothers whare was John Nichols & others his Languish was very extronidy

Satterday 20 this day Implyd in plowing in duty my mind Clouded & dull

Sabbathday 21: this day at Gods house heard mr Lothrop from Philip 4 4 Rejoys in ye Lord alway

Monday 22 this day Employd in Sowing Rie in to See Jams Nichols

Tuesday 23 this day till noon Sowing Rie afternoon with others to Deacon Emersons to See mr Lothrop & Discorse him was also at mrs Hobbys in Company with mr Robe Saw mr Stone

Wednesday 24 this day till noon Cuting Stoke at ye plantation afternoon at my mill fixing it to make cyder

Thirsday 25 this fournoon making cyder afternoon at church meeting when 38 of ye Church Shew thair Satisfaction in mr Lothrop as to Doctrin & prinsiple & Chose him thair paster and 21 did not vote in neither of ye votes

Friday 26 this day Rainey was in ye house Reading only at James

Satterday 27 this day at home Sowing Rie dull Cloudy wether

Sabbathday 28 this day at Gods house heard rm Lothrop from Galations 5: 6: afternoon from Luke: 16: 23: 24 Dined at Fathers

Monday 29 this day Rainey at home in Reading afternoon Sowing Rie

Tuesday 30 this forenoon finished Sowing Rie afternoon went with my wife to Fathers & mr Ephiram Wiltons Some plesant Discorse

Wednesday October 1 this day at home till noon  
yn at Parish meeting when mr Lathrop was Chosen  
by 64: for him & 48 agints him

DIARY

APRIL 1, 1769

JUNE 5, 1769

Satterday april 1: 1769 this day at home till after-  
noon at mr Parkers to fauilly meeting he Read but  
So poorly yt it was to little edification

Sabbathday 2 this day at Gods house herd mr  
Sarls from mathew 6: 6 Dined at Nichols

Monday 3 this day at Lyn with Tobacco Saw mr  
Robey also at mr Lathrops

Tuesday 4 this day at Salam with Tobacco prosyer-  
ed & Returned in (illegible)

Wednesday 5 this day at home till noon yn to See  
Richard Nichols wife sick also after Calibs  
mr Fosters & Joseph winors & in my way was  
plunged in ye water

Thirsday 6 this day fast day went to Gods house  
heard mr Printice from Isiah 58 3 hope that in  
duty this day had a sense of ye evil of sin & Com-  
mit no (illegibe)

Friday 7 this day at home yn at Richardsons Saw  
mill Striking Sl—

Satterday 8 this day at home in my busness only  
at mr Jonathan Parkers

Sabbathday 9 this day at Gods house heard mr  
Stuard from Jeremiah 31: 18 then after meeting a  
chh meeting was appointed to do Sum thing for set-  
ling a minister when half or near half ye chh did  
not vote for it

Monday 10 this day at mr Stones also at ye meet-  
ing house plane laying foundaton

Tuesday 11 this day at Andover to See my children  
find yn all Comfortable

Wednesday 12 this day at mr Orns and decon Em-  
ersons about ye town books at ———

Thirsday 13 at home till noon Writing for mr  
Foster afternoon at mr Fosters also at mr Richard  
Nichols prayed with his Sick wife

Friday 14 this day at home till Just Night yn at  
town for ye Sevant —

Satterday 15 this day at Chalston & mistisk to  
provid for ye Serament

Sabbathday 16 this day Seramnt day at Gods  
house heard mr Sherman from Acts 16: 31 a hapey  
day three children wair baptized

Monday 17 this day Snow in ye fournoon at ye  
meeting house afternoon to mr Timothy Pratt to  
meeting Read in mr ? —

Tusday 18 this day at ye meeting hose till noon  
yn at Chh meeting mr Smith modirator voted to hear  
mr Printice 4 day yn aporned to ye 8 may

Wednesday 19 this day at medford home at Six  
mr Temple & to See me

Thisday 20 this day at Fathers at  
mr Nichols & mr Fosters

Friday 21 this day at work at ye meeting house  
in duty too negligent

Satterday 22 this day finished Sowing my oats  
flax & all my Seed lively in——

Sabbathday 23 this day at Gods house heard mr  
Prentice first from Eph 2: 3 afternoon Eph 2: 8 this  
day herd of ye death of Ephraim Wise?

Monday 24 this day at home till noon yn at ye  
funral of mr Ephraim Wise?

Tusday 25 this day at home Anna was marrid to  
Jonathan Pool by mr Stone mr Prentice was also  
to Diner with us & our Children

Wednesday 26 this day at home till noon yn Lec-  
ture mr Prentice preached to ye young men from 1  
Chro: 28: 9 and Solomon

Thirsday 27 this day at home till noon my hose got on fire by Chimney but Som put out Son how & wife went home afternoon at meeting

Friday 28 this day at Boston upon mrs Holbroks Desire She payed me

Satterday 29 this day at Tatinghams Daughter Nichols went home with Townshend at work upon a plan (or plow) in duty too neglect

Sabbathday 30 this day at Gods house heard mr Stone from Hebrews 6: 11: 12:

Monday May 1 this day at home till noon yn Decon Emersons about ye books also at ye meeting hous with ye Committe about ye Same

Tuesday 2 this day at home till noon yn at Work at ye meeting house

Wednesday 3 this day at town to See Smith and git him to Come to underpin ye meeting house afternoon Plowing

Thusday 4 this day at home only at mr Fosters for him and his focks to work at ye meeting house upon the Stone work

Friday 5 this day worked at ye meeting house at Fosters & Synids? foks

Satterday 6 this day at work upon ye underpinning of meeting house

Sabbathday 7 this day at Gods house heard mr Prentice from hebrues 2 Chap 3 verse I Dined at Fathers

Monday 8 this day at work at ye meeting house till noon yn to chh meeting lern mr Printice was Chosen by 39 & 26 against him

Tuesday 9 this day at ye meeting house

Wednesday 10 this day at Woborn Bauldens? afternoon at ye meeting house frame where ye proprietors of ye house meet

Thirsday 11 this day at mr Weston afternoon at

mr Morrills & brother Winns to ask mr Morrill to Rasing it was a very Snowey day we Did finish planting of yesterday and this day wery Snowey

Friday 12 this day at middleton to ask mr Smith to Raising & mr Stone

Satterday 13 this day at home only at Ephiram Parkers & mr Weston

Sabbathday 14 this day at Gods house it being Serament day heard mr Treadwell first from Zachariah 12: 10 afternoon Luke 10: 42 one thing is need full Daniel Goulds Son Daniel Baptized

Monday 15 this day at Lynn to mr Robes to Invite him to Raising yn at meeting hose

Tusday 16 in ye fournoon with cyder & plank to ye meeting house in ye afternoon at parish meeting when mr Printice was chosen minster Seventy for him & 54 not for him after which began ye Reply

Wednesday 17 this day Raised ye meeting house ye ministers & many others at our house more yn a hundred & twenty five in ye whole

Thirsday 18 this day at ye meeting house Setteling ye affairs of yesterday

Friday 19 this day Rainey at home till noon yn with my wife at Son Pools

Satterday 20 this day at mr Richardsons Saw mill in ye afternoon phillis had a Son born cause of thankfullness

Sabbathday 21 this day at Gods hose heard mr Smith first from Hebrews 11 31 afternoon mathew 5 :1: Judg not yt ye be not Judged

Monday 22 this day at mending fence till noon yn at Town meeting for ye Choise of a Representative when I was Chosen by a Clear vote

Tusday 23 this day up into ye North East to See Sundry of ym people

Wednsday 24 this day at home Drawing propo-

sals to ye old parish till four a clok yn at brothers to a meeting of ye petitioners

Thirday 25 this day in ye lot pealing Bark till noon yn at Town to the parish meeting when a Committe was Chose to opos ye west End

Friday 26 this day at Boston Dined at uncel Parkers home before nine

Satterday 27 this day at Tyds & Foxes afternoon at ye funaral of wid Goodwin

Sabbathday 28 this day at Gods house heard mr Printice from Acts 24: 25

Monday 29 this day at mr Boutell & Samuel Damons a Rainey day

Tuesday 30 this day at brother Parkers when mrs Hanah his Daughter was married to mr Willerd of mendom

Wednesday 31 this day at Court at Boston heard mr Haven from Psalms 75: 6: 7 the Council were Chosen and ye Govenor nugatiuad Eleven of them and one Resigned friday Evening heard a minester from New ham Shier preach from Romans 8: 2 3

Satterday June 3 Came home from Court Dined at his Honours James Rusells Esqrs

Sabbathday June 4 this day at Gods house heard mr Morrill? from 1 Peter 1: 7 afternoon Isiah 44: 20

Monday 5 this day up to Andover: Johnson haveing again abused his wife I Reconsiled them again Came home at Eleven at Night

The following list of scholars has been entered on one of the pages of Dea. Samuel Bancroft's journal.

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 Saml Bancroft.  
 Susanna Bancroft.  
 Charles Bancroft.  
 Judith Bancroft.  
 Hannah Bancroft.  
 Nancy Bancroft.  
 Aaron Foster.  
 Nathaniel Pearson.  
 Kendal Pearson.  
 Jebez Weston.  
 Abijah Weston.  
 John Goodwin.  
 Daniel Foster.  
 James Dix.  
 Benjamin Dix.  
 Caleb Parker.  
 Jacob Townsend.  
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